

**Western Region
Quality Improvement Committee
Minutes
January 19, 2010**

MEMBER ATTENDING:

Dee Knell
Casey Christopherson
LoAn Le
Rebekah Olsen
Matt Dinger
Jennie Hall
John Thill
Wendy Bunnell
John Bonnett
Barbara McCleary
Vicky Proctor
Braden Duncan
Marla Raff
Brent Platt
Jessi Duncan
Judy Robertson

Welcome by Wendy Bunnell, Chair

Idea from Summit - Attend court for a day.

- Judge Sainsbury - Spanish Fork
- Judge Lindsay - Provo (Monday and Wednesday)
- Judge Noonan - Orem (Tuesday and Thursday)
- Judge Bissell - American Fork (Monday and Wednesday)

QCR's coming up (April 19th)

- All of the committee is invited to participate.
- You would need to dedicate 2 working days to be involved.
- You can shadow another involved in the QCR process and go through an entire case.

- Wendy will contact the following that want to participate in the QCR.
Rebekah Olsen
Jennie Hall
Matt Dinger

Goals for 2009

- Start Mentor Program
- Recognition for child advocate
- Drug court video became goal mid-year
- Letter written to address structured solutions
- **We have met the goals for 2009**

Luggage or bags for kids in care

- We can partner with the Christmas Box House.
- In the future we only want to give new bags, suit cases, etc.
Important to give new things for these children and not hand me downs.
- Casey stated the Christmas Box House has been such a great resource in providing many different items for our kids at DCFS.

Need for more stuffed bears - One judge gives them out in her court

- Wendy will check with a co- worker about bears.
- LoAn Le received a box at Community Action and she will share. LoAn will talk with Barbara about this.

Mentor Program -Matt Dinger

- Biggest challenge is getting bigger numbers
- Matt wants more community involvement with recruiting
- Braden will get Troy Carter's information to Matt. Troy works with Hispanic Youth. Matt stated the CPS referrals are working well.
Since the summit they have had one more match.
- Ideas for finding mentors:
Volunteer match on internet
Craig's list under volunteers
Grant Richards at UVSC
BYU has a booth coming up

The Boys and Girls Program Brochure handed out

- After school and summer program ages 6 – 18.
- Parents signing up their child need to disclose behaviors.
- The children are at the program from the end of the school day to 6:00 p.m.
- They have a teen program
- They follow the same vacation days as Provo School District. They are closed for the Christmas vacation.
- The whole program is open to all kids
Very low cost.
\$10.00 for school year
\$10.00 for Summer
- Locations:
Provo – by 7 Peaks
Franklin School
Farrer School
Sera school in Orem
Mt. Nebo Junior High in Payson
- Staff training:
Type of kids they may be working with
Define home work help
Sports program
They will get skills that they can take to the clients
- The Summer program fills up fast, there is usually a large waiting list.
88% of the children are under poverty
- Brent mentioned classes that are being taught through the U of U. on Healthy Eating. They stress the importance of everyone to have healthy eating habits. They do not focus on eating disorders.
- Committee agreed this would be good information that the kids could also share with their families. Matt asked Brent for the number of the contact person.

Drug Court Video – Casey Christopherson

- It is coming together.
- Agustin has done a great job.
- Committee members would like to come and see it in March or April.
- Committee agreed they want a 2 hour immersion in May for the Video launch (This would be Foster Care month and the QCR's will be done)
- Next month each committee member is to come back with list of people they will invite.
- Brent said Jolene will help with any packets or invites that need to be done. She has the templates
- **Child Advocate award to be presented to Agustin at the immersion**
- People to invite
 - School counselors
 - Grandparents
 - Judges
 - Clergy
 - Teachers
 - Lisa Michelle
 - City officials
- **Vicky Proctor will check to see if we could use City Counsel room, if so she will come back to next meeting with the dates that are available.**

Structured Solutions

- Read letter, if more clarification is needed get back to Wendy.
- The cost saving is major.
- Money is secondary to the support they need. They can not be a residential facility out of their home.
- We need more structured foster parents. It is hard to actively recruit structured foster parents until solutions are found.

Goals 2010

- Immersion -Drug Court Video Launch (May)
- Structured Solutions
- Suit case drive
- Look at Intake and CPS – Shift focus from DCFS to Community Services. Nurses see the gap – we need to involve other support services in the community

- Help in getting clients to join drug court. The team is struggling with this.

Foster Care Foundation

- Recruiting push will be to find families that will take teens. These kids can identify somewhat with how the kids being placed may feel.
- The teens in the families can help their parents to make the connection. The foundation will be talking with service clubs at the schools.
- Yes there are some out there that are tough.
- Possible slogan would be instead of a teddy bear give a mother to hug.

Braden-

January 29th – Latino in Action – 7:00 p.m.

Centro Hispano

815 South Freedom Blvd.

Provo

Jessi-Intentional Family Classes

- Committee discussed court orders for individual and whole families to participate in these classes.
- Classes are based on the need of those enrolling from early childhood to teens.
- Jessi stated they would like this involvement. Caseworkers could contact her to see if the family is attending as they should to be reported back to the Judge.
- They do have child care if some of the classes are not appropriate for all of the kids.
- She stated that they like the participants to be involved in the class either with the teaching or with the child care.

Brent invited Braden and Jessi to come to management meeting.

Charter Outline – SLV example

- More responsibilities per member
- More hands involved, membership could be bigger.
- Sub committees created for the following:
 - Membership
 - Community involvement – research date review

Structured Solutions

Sub committees do not meet monthly

- Our Committee likes the idea of the monthly meeting for everyone so that ideas can be thrown out. Action was taken today because of the knowledge shared by committee members.
- E-mail Wendy if you would like to talk about sub committees before our next meeting also if you would like to co-chair. Next meeting we could have an election ballot for co-chair and discuss sub committees the input needed and the responsibilities.
- It was voted to keep the Child Advocate Awards going this year but to do it quarterly.

Next meeting will be held on February 16th.

Same place same time. An invite will be sent.